

**BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY**

SURVEY NO.: B-2188

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0421885711

Address: 339-341 North Charles Street

Current Name: McDowell and Company

Block: 581 Lot: 9

Lot size: 34 ft. x 137 ft.

Height: 4

Materials: Limestone &amp; brick

Condition: Good

Owner: Miller Realty Corp.

Use: Commercial

Accessible: yes, restricted

Designation:

Liber/Folio: RHB 2870/628



Historic Name:

Date: 1906

Architect/Builder: Baldwin &amp; Pennington, arch.

Style (if appropriate):

**Description:** The first floor storefront is framed by limestone piers flanking a recessed transom above projecting display windows. The center entrance is recessed between the windows and has a modern steel and glass door. The original design of the storefront consisted of a central plate glass display window with separate entrances to the first floor shop and upper floors at each side. Applied letters on the flat arch above the transom identify the principal tenant and the street numbers. Consoles of a geometric design accent the belt course separating the storefront from the upper floors. Flat circles are the only ornament to the belt course itself. The grey roman brick of the upper floors frames three bays, each slightly recessed, with metal framed windows and spandrels in each bay. Originally plate glass with transoms and single mullions, the windows are now 2/2 with transoms on the second and third floors and without transoms on the fourth. Decorative iron filigree accents the spandrels between floors. The cornice has scroll consoles and bellflower pendants.

**Significance:**

Area: architecture

Level: local

The imaginative use of decoration and ironwork on the McDowell store facade reflect the work of Baldwin and Pennington, who were the designers of several facades in the 300 block of North Charles just after the 1904 Fire. Dulany-Vernay stationers occupied the building in the late 1920's. During World War II, the USO had one of its servicemen's clubs here. In 1945, McDowell and Company, established in 1835 and for many years the occupant of the Hiss Building (B-976), 217 North Charles, leased the building and remains the principal tenant.

Sources: Md. Inst. Scrapbook, DR 8-11-06

Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, March 1985

Baltimore Metrocenter Survey  
Cathedral Hill Area  
339-341 North Charles Street  
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Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey  
Baltimore (City), Maryland  
Photo: Janet Davis  
Date: August 1984  
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
West elevation

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <u>McDowell and Co.</u>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>341-339 North Charles Street</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Baltimore</u>				
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		COUNTY:		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>The Miller Realty Company</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>mail to 2529 Washington Boulevard</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Baltimore</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		<u>21230</u>
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Lands Records Office room 601 Baltimore City Courthouse</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>St. Paul and Fayette Sts.</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Baltimore</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		<u>21201</u>
<b>Title Reference of Current Deed (Book &amp; Pg. #):</b> <u>RHB 2870-628</u>				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: <u>City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey</u>				
DATE OF SURVEY: <u>November 1975</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <u>Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Room 900 26 South Calvert Street</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Baltimore</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		<u>21202</u>

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This attached brick building which is located four lots down from the corner of East Mulberry and North Charles Streets. McDowell and Co. has four stories, a flat roof and the most impressive feature is the cornice decoration. The first story has a marble facade with rectangular double doors in the center accented by two plate glass store front windows on either side. The second, third and fourth floors are made uniform by three arches that are three stories high. The windows are grouped in two's of one over one panes with a vertical like transom divided into five panes over the windows. Between the stories within the arches is metal grill work. The third story windows are rectangular plate glass. The most impressive element of the building is the decorative design that supports the simple flat slab of concrete cornice. This decoration is three dimensioned and the main feature of it is the four equally spaced consoles (decorative brackets). The design between the decorative consoles appears the triglyphs of the classical Doric orders. This building is taller than adjacent buildings.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See 347 North Charles St.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"		0	'	"	
NE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SW	0	'	"		0	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

340±1 x 137

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Nancy Krieger, Margaret Mack, Lee Wallace

ORGANIZATION

Goucher College

DATE

11/15/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Towson

STATE

Maryland

21204

## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

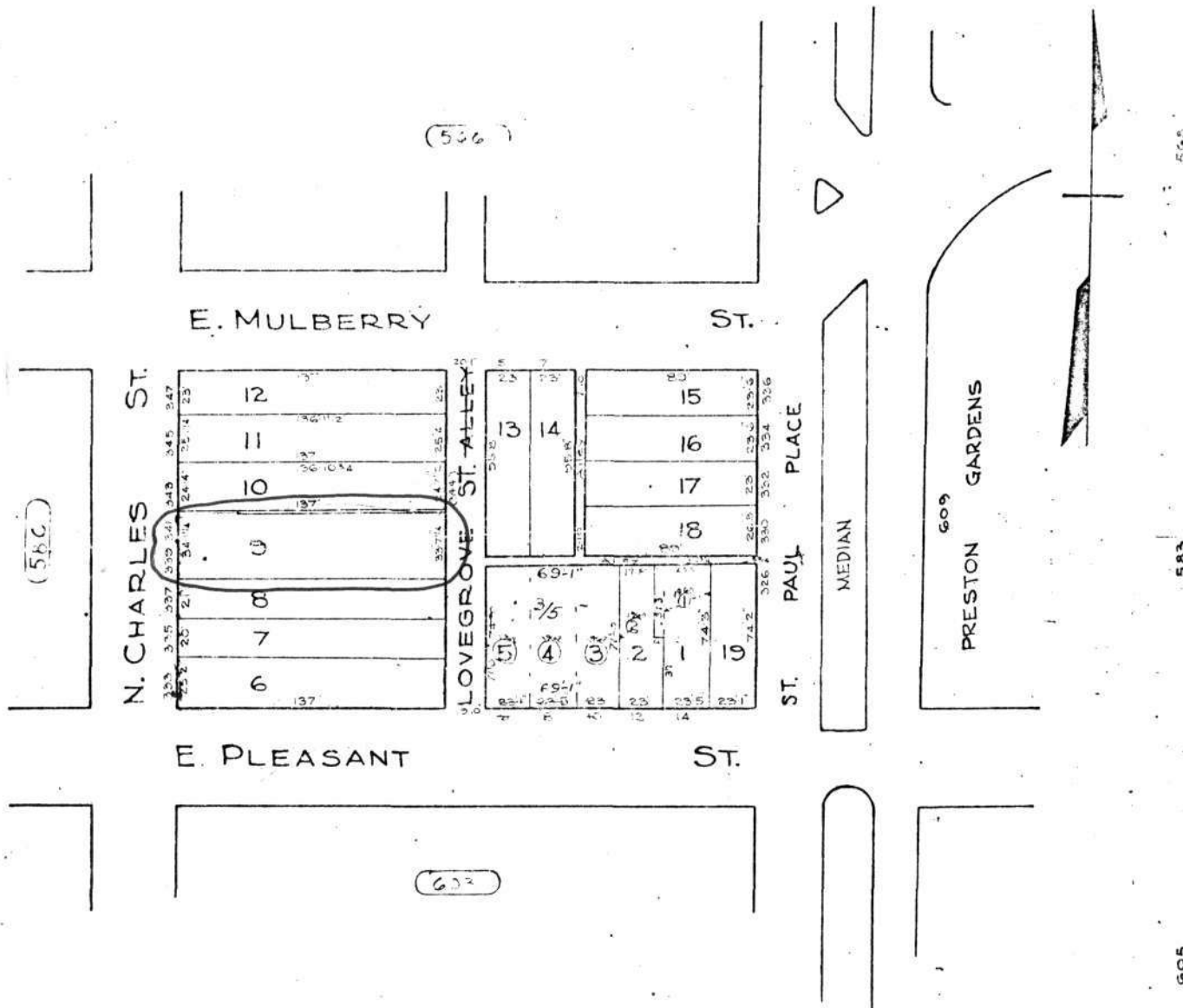
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Margaret M. Mack  
Signature

# REVISIONS

Leas 1-2 North 1st Street App. C St. 6201  
Lots 3, 4 & 5 Corner 1st St. & 2nd St.

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## NOTICE

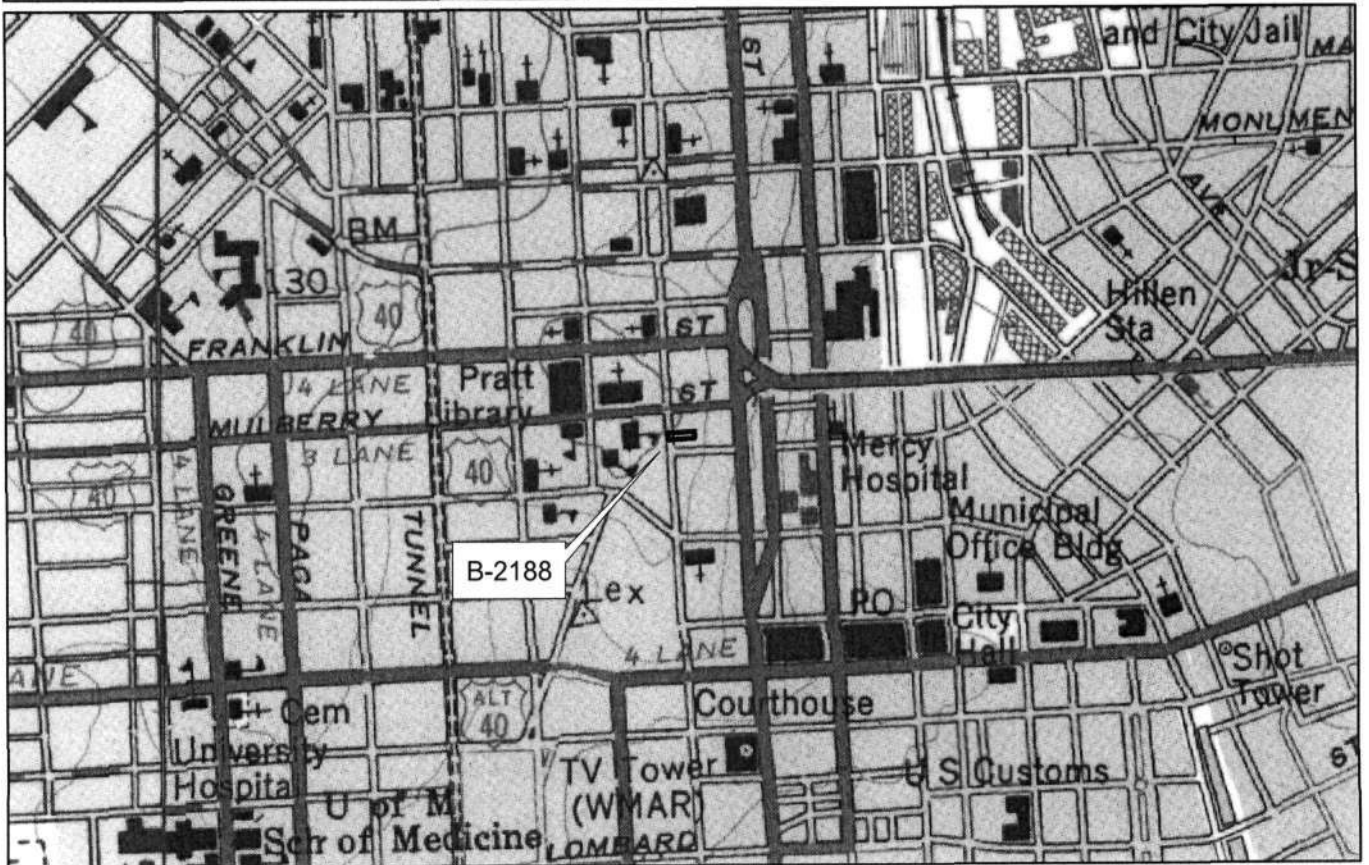
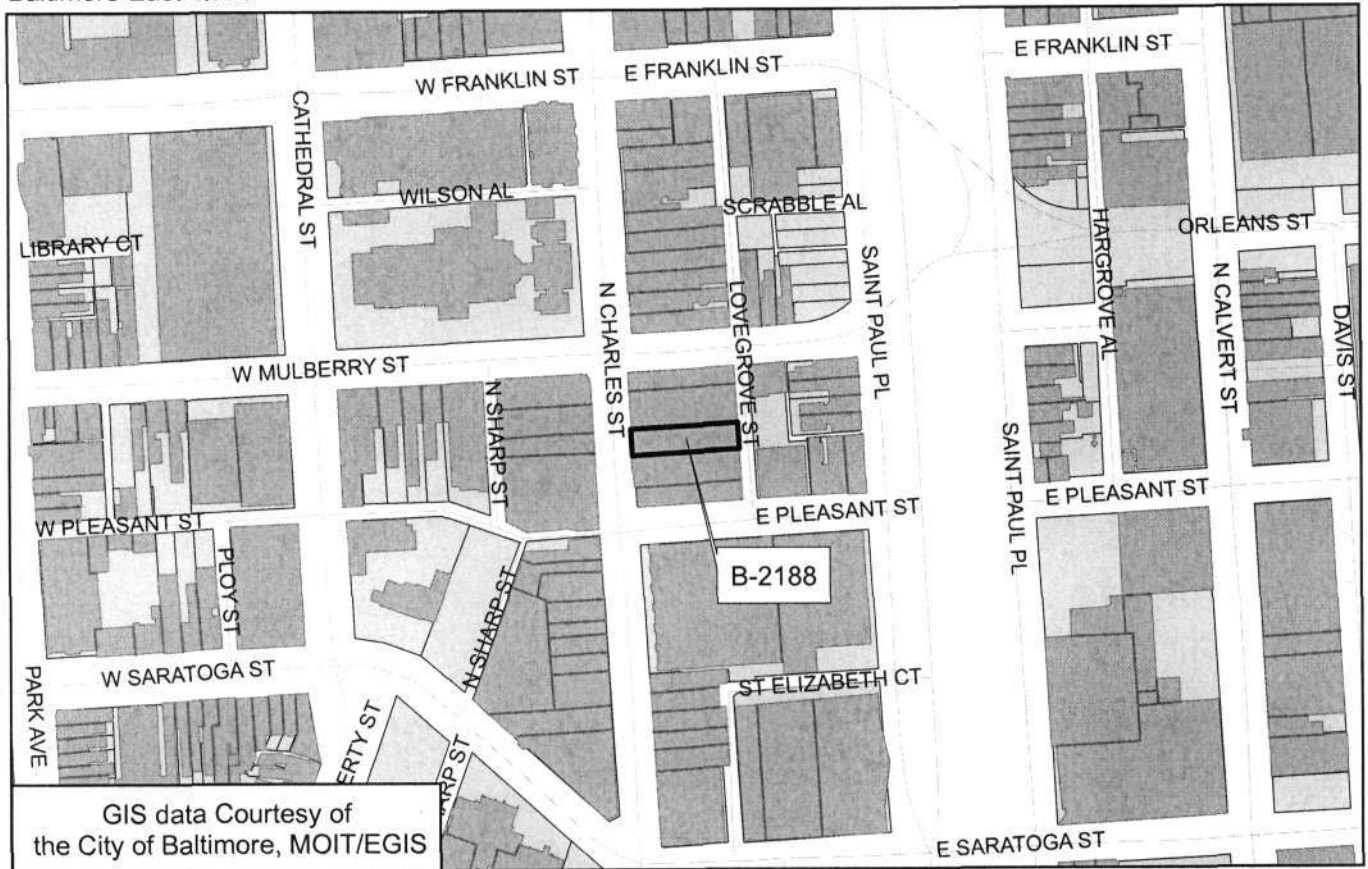
THIS IS A REAL PROPERTY PLAT AS PROVIDED  
FOR BY THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE  
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THIS PLAT IS  
TRUE AND CORRECT AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS  
PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

WARD 4 SECTION 1  
BLOCK 581

MADE BY: Moorehead  
DATE: 12-15-1917

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McDowell and Company  
339-341 N. Charles Street  
Block 0581 Lot 009  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad





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